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In re Patent Application of

AOKI, Hitoshi

Serial No. 09/960,517

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND FABRICATION PROCESS THEREFOR

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Group Art Unit: 2822

Examiner: Thomas, Toniae M.

Date: January 10, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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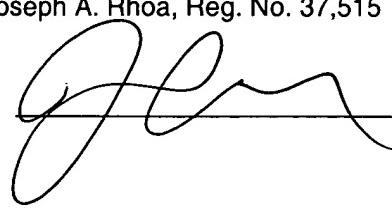
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**REMARKS**

Responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement of December 18, 2002, applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-12, 18, and 20). This election is made without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance

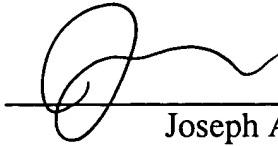
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